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Inventor: Masanobu Kawamoto et al

For: LATCH DEVICE

The Applicant claims Small Entity Status.

Enclosed are:

11 sheets of drawings (formal informal).

22 pages of specification.

Declaration.

Information disclosure statement and 2 reference(s).

Preliminary amendment.

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